Enquiry Report in Gangotri

3343. KUMARI UMA BHARTI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards a news item captioned as "Gangotri Ki Khandit Pratima Ganga Ki Hai Hi Nahin" appearing in *Nav Bharat Times* dated September 8, 1996;

(b) whether the enquiry report has been submitted to the Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the recommendations made therein?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the report of District Magistrate, Uttarkashi, no image has been broken.

(c) Question does not arise.

[Translation]

Chairman of CWC

3344. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the norms followed for making appointment of the Chairman of Central Water Commission and the reasons for delay in making the appointment;

(b) the qualification and experience of the present acting chairman of the CWC;

(c) whether the Government propose to appoint him as permanent chairman of the CWC keeping in view the important tasks performed by him; and

(d) if so, the time by which the appointment is likely to be made permanent?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The appointment of Chairman, Central Water Commission, is made on the basis of provisions contained in Central Water Engineering (Group A) Service Rules as amended from time to time. At present Central Water Engineering (Group A) Service Rules, 1995 are in force and, according to these Rules appointment to the post of Chairman, Central Water Commission, is made by promotion failing which by transfer on deputation basis. Central Water Engineering (Group A) Service Rules, 1982 was superseded by Central Water Engineering (Group A) Service Rules, 1995 in November, 1995 and there were some changes in recruitment provisions. In view of the changed position, appointment to the post of Chairman, Central Water Commission was under consultation with Union Public Service Commission and Ministry of Law and is now under consideration of the Government.

(b) The educational qualification of the present acting Chairman, Central Water Commission is B.E. (Hons.) (Roorkee), M.Sc. (London) and DIC (London). He has experience of about 34 years in water resources sector.

(c) There is no proposal at present to appoint the present acting Chairman as permanent Chairman, Central Water Commission.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Engineering Courses in Indian Languages

3345. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the places, where courses in engineering are being conducted in Indian languages;

(b) whether the Government propose to start educational courses at all levels in Indian Languages throughout the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c). The National Policy on Education and the Programme of Action (POA) 1992 advocates use of modern Indian languages as medium of instruction progressively at all levels. The schools and technical institutions function within the academic control/ supervision of the respective Boards of Secondary Education and the University respectively which work autonomously in academic matters. It is for these academic bodies to gradually effect switch over in the medium of instruction. The Central Government does not have any specific scheme to effect change in the medium of instruction.

Congestion of Drainage System in Delhi

3346. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing congestion of drainage system in Delhi;

(b) whether the increasing congestion has led to water logging and flood in Delhi;

(c) if so, the areas of Delhi, mainly affected due to the drainage congestion;

(d) the main reasons for the drainage congestion; and

(e) the steps taken to solve the drainage congestion problem?